



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with these procedures, NDEP intends to issue a Categorical Exclusion for the Hawthorne Utilities Babbitt well water project. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: New Babbitt Well

Project No.: No. 30 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Mineral County – Hawthorne Utilities

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$450,000

The proposed project is to replace the Babbitt well located in the community of Hawthorne. The existing Babbitt well has failed and needs to be replaced. Hawthorne Utilities received funding from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in 2007 to partially cover the cost of replacing the Babbitt well. NDEP is proposing utilizing ARRA funding to cover the remaining cost.

As part of the application to CDBG, a complete environmental review was conducted. Since the environmental review concluded that there is no significant environmental impact from the project, NDEP has determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion exempting it from further environmental review. A cultural resource inventory of the project site conducted in 2007 recommended no further management consideration prior to the implementation of the proposed project.

Documentation to support these conclusions is available for public examination at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada.

Comments for consideration on this proposed decision must be submitted by June 22, 2009 to:

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Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to abasham@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.